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[redacted] approximately 58,000 Chinese Communist army troops arrived in Canton.

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most of them appeared exhausted and poorly equipped.¹ Included among the troops were members of units of the 38 Army,² 12 Army Group; the 42 Army, 13 Army Group; the 14 Army Group;³ and an artillery division of the 4 Field Army. After recuperation at Canton, some of these troops were to be sent to Fangcheng (N 21-46, E 108-23) Hsien, Ch'inghsien (N 21-58, E 108-37), Nanning, Lungchou (N 22-22, E 106-56), and P'ohsu (N 23-21, E 107-04).⁴

Comments

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1. The troops which arrived in the Canton area from the north in December and January were described as smartly dressed and well armed.

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2.

[redacted] There have been no indications of any recent movement southward by this army.

3. The existence and composition of the 14 Army Group is in considerable doubt. Its last known composition included the 45, 48, and 49 Armies. None of these armies has been reliably reported in the Canton area, although [redacted] press has twice reported a movement of the 48 Army to Kwangtung.

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4. [redacted] press has recently played heavily on the theme of troops movements from the Canton area [redacted] The existence of such movements has not been reliably reported.

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[redacted] a battalion of paratroopers was being trained in
Kweilin (N 25-20, E 110-10), under CHIANG Chun-wei (3068/7486/3634).

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